

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the case. In the Final Office Action, claims 1-13 are allowed, claims 14, 15 and 17-19 are rejected, and claim 16 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but is allowable if rewritten in independent form. In the present submission, claim 14 has been amended and claim 16 has been cancelled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present amendment is made only to place the rejected claim in condition for allowance and to cancel a claim. Therefore, the present amendment complies with the requirement under 37 CFR §1.116. Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

In the present amendment, claim 14 has been amended to include the limitation in claim 16. Since claim 16 is indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, amended claim 14, including all the limitations of claim 16, is now in condition for allowance. Claims 15 and 17-19, dependent upon claim 14, are patentable at least for the same reasons claim 14 is patentable.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application. Claim 14 has been amended and claim 16 has been cancelled. For at least the reasons stated above, claims 1-15 and 17-19 are in condition for allowance. Thus, passage of the present application to allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner would like to discuss any aspect of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 382-0480.

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